

ABOUT US

We are a group of lawyers brought together by our shared beliefs around the practice of law and life. What brought us together was our passion for the profession and the desire to redefine the contours of legal practice. We aim to serve our clients through meaningful legal support and ultimately feel satisfied with our own work.

We are passionate about law, driven towards change and dream of recreating India. We believe in the freedom of speech and expression and we encourage innovative approaches and legal strategies. This is what sets us apart. We believe in the nobility of the legal profession and strive to uphold it at every step of our practice.

This led us all to an organic alignment.

Each legal counsel in our collective brings with it varied and extensive experience across sectors. We have worked with prominent law firms, companies, eminent senior advocates, judges, governmental and not-for-profit organizations. Some of us have also pursued different careers before starting our practice of law. This helps bring varied perspectives, experiences and insights to the table.

Cornellia Chambers is equipped to service all your legal needs, be it dispute resolution, general corporate & regulatory advisory or transaction support. We would love to help you with it all!



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Mr. Purwar focuses his practice on Infrastructure in general and communications/ broadcasting and IT/ ITES in particular. He advises/ assists clients on regulatory environment and government approvals/ permissions/ licenses, including FDI approvals.

His 35 years PQE saw him reach the the top at the Department of Telecom (DoT) and gain exposure in all aspects of telecom functioning. He played a key role in the process of telecom privatization as also in the development of the Indian telecom regulatory regime. He also closely monitored the development of number portability regulations.

He also advised on setting up of TRAI, the Indian telecom regulator in 1997. He was involved in the formulation of first National Telecom Policy (NTP) in 1994 and in NTP in 1999. He also assisted in the revision of TRAI Act in 2000 to separate its administrative functions from the judicial leading to setting up of Telecom Disputes Settlement & Appellate Tribunal.

After retirement, he has taken up a career in law as an expert corporate lawyer in telecom. He has been contributing to the development of an appropriate regulatory regime through active and regular participation in the activities for a strong regulator. He has worked in J. Sagar Associates, a leading law firm of India for over seventeen years as Head Telecom Practice and then as Senior Advisor (Telcom & Public Affairs).

As a nominee Director on the Boards of HTL (Hindustan Teleprinters Ltd.), TCIL (Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd.) and MTNL (Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.) and as a Finance Director of BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.), he also brings with him a rich experience of Public Sector Telcos engaged in fields as diverse as manufacture, consultancy & operations. He has also represented Indian Telecom in various bilateral, regional and international fora and acted for four years as vice-chair of the International Telecommunication Union's Tariff Group for Asia-Pacific. In 1997, he headed the team who successfully launched MTNL's first global depository receipt issue.



PRITIKA KUMAR

'Sentinel' Counsel

Qualifications

B.A. LL.B., The Army Institute of Law (AIL); and LLM (International Business Laws), University College, London (UCL)

Practice Areas

Dispute Resolution
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Pritika is a lawyer with over +12 years of diverse experience. As a lawyer, she has serviced multinational and national companies, small and medium size enterprises, start-ups, not-for-profit organizations as well as individuals.

Prior to founding Cornellia Chambers, she was serving with J. Sagar Associates (JSA).

Pritika's practice areas include general corporate and foreign investment advisory, investment transactions, mergers and acquisitions (domestic and international), domestic and global commercial contracting, constitutional, regulatory litigation and international arbitration. Her core sectors of practice are technology, finance, telecom (digital communication), broadcasting, aviation and defence.

She enjoys working with select corporate clients and provides them end to end legal solutions. She is deeply passionate about solving their problems, safeguarding their interests and seeing them succeed.

On the contentious side she appears before the High Courts, Supreme Court, Tribunals, Regulators, District Courts and other Governmental Authorities. She also assists imminent legal counsels on complex briefs.

She believes that an active litigation practice helps add valuable insights to her corporate advisory and transaction practice. She also teaches law and is working towards building the Cornellia School of Practicing Law.

Her vision is to provide outstanding, solution driven, clear, holistic legal advice and legal support in India. She is passionate about law, driven towards change and dreams of re-creating India.



KUSHAN CHAKRABORTY

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Kushan has 8+ years of experience with law firms in the fields of transactional law and dispute resolution. He has previously worked with two eminent Indian law firms, namely, Dua Associates and J Sagar Associates.

On the transactional law side, he has experience in commercial contracting, banking and finance, projects and general corporate commercial laws. He has acted as transaction counsel and helped close various kinds of commercial contracts including, *inter alia*, master service agreements and vendor agreements. He has also advised clients on general corporate commercial laws and due diligence (corporate and real estate).

He also has experience in dispute resolution across domains of corporate commercial, property, labour, arbitration, environment, administrative, intellectual property rights, medical, consumer and family laws.

He has handled cases and represented clients from prominent national and international entities, across judicial, quasi-judicial and administrative fora, including pro bono initiatives for medical, educational and charitable entities. He was involved in the development and implementation of trial and settlement strategies.



ISHITA BISHT

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Qualifications

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Ishita has 5+ PQE. She has experience in the technology and telecommunication space, not for profits, domestic and foreign investments, general corporate advisory, investment transactions and commercial contracting, employment law advisory and contracting, employment law compliance, and tech-telecom regulatory and policy. She also actively involved in dispute resolution and appears before courts, tribunals and regulatory/ governmental authorities.

On the tech & telecom side, she has advised and worked on matters related to data protection (including application of EU law to Indian companies), legal and regulatory compliance (product check), customer and vendor contracts, domestic/foreign investment, IPR, etc. She has also been active in the regulatory and policy side and has assisted clients in preparing responses to government consultation papers. Besides this, she has also submitted co-written personal position on draft Indian data protection bill and regulatory framework for over-the-top service providers.

In the employment law space, Ishita has advised and worked on employment terms, employer's obligations and rights of employees, sweat equity, issues on termination of employment, social security (such as provident fund and gratuity), sexual harassment of women in workplace matters, position in liaison office and corporate policies.

She endeavours to use her knowledge of law to give back to the society and economy.



ANUKRITI PAREEK

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Anukriti is a lawyer with over 10 years of experience and an Advocate-on-Record with the Supreme Court of India. Enrolled with the Bar Council of India in the year 2010, she began her legal pursuits with the top tier Indian intellectual property firm - Remfry & Sagar, where her area of focus was protection of intellectual property (IP) rights. In 2015, Anukriti ventured into independent practice.

Anukriti has worked extensively on formulating strategies for protection of her client's IP and enforcement thereof. She has

also advised a wide array of clients on corporate transactions in connection with their IP rights including transfer and licensing of IP.

Anukriti has also interacted and coordinated with law firms all across the globe. She has represented multinational corporations, non-governmental organizations, associations before various courts and fora across India including Delhi, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Haryana, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh. One of her litigation successes include successfully arguing before the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay and obtaining a favorable decision on 'passing off' being available even in relation to the 'shape' of an article, when the shape is being treated as a trademark. She has also obtained a favorable order from the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on credibility of descriptive trademarks.

She also advises and guides start-ups on IP as well as compliance issues. Having witnessed the implementation of IP laws in different jurisdictions of the country, she is fully abreast with the hurdles posed in securing IP protection and enforcement.

In addition to her intellectual property right expertise, she has also handled dispute resolution matters. She has represented clients on all sides and before numerous jurisdictions i.e. original, appellate and writ side in respect with civil, consumer, intellectual property, matrimony & family and criminal law.

Anukriti writes extensively on all legal matters. Some of her notable publications are "Social Media and IP Infringement: How legal is the social eagle?" published in the World Trademark Review magazine; and "When can trademarks be used as keywords?" published in Managing Intellectual Property magazine.



AKSHITA GOEL

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Akshita has 2+ years PQE. She has assisted in various corporate advisory and transactional matters.

She has assisted in various corporate advisory and transactional matters. In the course of her legal assignments, Akshita has undertaken extensive legal research on propositions relating to company law, mergers and acquisitions, aviation, telecom, data protection, technology, sweat equity, labour and employment laws, intellectual property rights and competition law.

She has experience in assisting with drafting of legal opinions and vetting agreements.

She has also been seconded and consequently worked with legal team of Infosys for six months on behalf of Cornellia Chambers wherein she gained in-depth experience in drafting, vetting and negotiating various agreements executed in IT industry.

On the litigation front, she has assisted counsels with civil and commercial matters at the Supreme Court of India, High Court of Delhi, High Court of Punjab and Haryana and the District Courts in Delhi and Gurgaon.

She upholds the ethics of the legal profession i.e. the application of cognitive abilities and creativity on the established legal knowledge base to create influence and impact on the society.



PARMEET BATRA

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Parmeet has around 2 years of experience. At Cornellia Chambers, Parmeet has worked on many projects including drafting equity and equity linked instruments such as convertible notes, drafting transaction documents for a joint venture in the medical services sector, worked on service agreements in the information technology and telecom sector, conducted research and assisted with foreign investment transactions, amongst others.

While in college, Parmeet has researched on a wide array of legal subjects in the fields of competition law, foreign investment, company law, mergers and acquisitions, technology and data protection laws, and participated in various moot court competitions and negotiation competitions.

He is interested in the fields of technology, data policy and competition law. He hopes to use his skills as a lawyer to bring about positive change in the society.



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Vishesh is a trainee with Cornellia Chambers and assists us in all manner of legal work.

He has prior experience training with the public prosecutor's office and various advocates, which acquainted him with criminal and civil laws. In addition, he has also trained at the Indian Institute of Public Administration, on various consumer issues relating to e-commerce and real estate and the National Legal Services Authority of India on district and state level free legal aid services and public institutions.

Vishesh also volunteers his time to not-for-profit institutions. He is highly motivated towards expanding his areas of experiences.



SIMRAN NANDWANI

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Simran works as a trainee with Cornellia Chambers. She has also worked with notable law firms in India in the past.

She assists the team at Cornellia Chambers with research in various fields of law like contracts, companies law, arbitration, and mergers and acquisitions. She has received training in commercial contract drafting, negotiation and closing, especially vendor and service agreements.

Simran is a great resource and has received scholarship from her University for her outstanding academic performance. She also volunteers her time by assisting different not-for-profit organisations.

Simran is highly motivated to learn and aims to widen her scope of work in the future and assist those in need.



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Shaurya is a trainee with Cornellia Chambers.

He aids in work related to GDPR, technology laws, commercial law and intellectual property law. He has a special interest in cyber laws and has earned a diploma on Indian cyber laws.

He has previously trained in various courts and tribunals in Delhi and at various NGOs on public policies and child rights.

He strives for participation, assistance and growth through inculcating a professional skill set and employing his knowledge.